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SUBJECT:DEPARTMENT DAILY PRESS BRIEFING, AUGUST 26, 1975

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS (FUNSETH)

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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF ACTING SPOKESMAN FUNSETH'S REPLIES
TO QUESTIONS AT DAILY BRIEFING, AUGUST 26:

1. PORTUGUESE REQUEST FOR HELP IN ANGOLAN EVACUATION --
PRESIDENT COSTA GOMEZ TOLD AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI LAST FRIDAY
THAT PORTUGAL WOULD NEED HELP IN EVACUATING REFUGEES FROM
ANGOLA AND THAT PORTUGAL WOULD BE SENDING THE U.S. A FORMAL
REQUEST. CARLUCCI EXPRESSED OUR WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE
TO HELP, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. FORMAL REQUEST
HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. ASKED WHETHER U.S. IS HOLDING UP
A DECISION AS ALLEGED IN WPOST, FUNSETH REPLIED THAT WE
HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO PRESIDENT COSTA GOMEZ THAT OUR
ASSISTANCE WOULD BE STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN AND NON-POLITICAL.
THERE ARE NUMEROUS PROBLEMS OF FUNDING AND LOGISTICS WHICH
HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT BEFORE AN EFFORT COULD ACTUALLY GET
UNDERWAY.

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2. NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, DECISIONS RE PLO AND KOREAN
MEMBERSHIP -- ON THOSE SPECIFIC ISSUES, AS WELL AS PERHAPS
OTHERS, OUR POSITION IS WELL KNOWN. AS FAR AS THE CON-
FERENCE ITSELF AND WHAT IT DOES, WE WILL BE STUDYING

CONFERENCE RESULTS CAREFULLY AS THEY COME OUT. BUT FOR
PRESENT WE ARE NOT GOING TO TAKE ANY PUBLIC POSITION ON
DECISIONS TAKEN AT LIMA.

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